



111

A PROCLAMATION

For apprehending James Duke of Buccleugh, and other Traiterous Conspirators against the life of the King, and his Royal Highness, and for subversion of the Government.

CHARLES, by the Grace of GOD, King of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, To Our Lyon King at Arms, and his Brethren Heralds, Macers of Our Privy Council, Pursevents, and Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally specially Constitute, Greeting: Whereas there hath been lately Discovered in Our other Kingdom of England, a most Traiterous and Damnable Conspiracy, for compassing the Death and Destruction of Our Royal Person, and of Our Dearest and only Brother, James Duke of Albany and York, Our Commissioner for this Our Ancient Kingdom, and for Subversion of Our Government and Kingdoms; And forasmuch as We have received Information upon Oath, that James Duke of Buccleugh and Monmouth, and Ford Lord Gray of Wark, Sir Thomas Armstrong Knight, Mr. Robert Ferguson, a Phantical Preacher, and notorious Traitor, a Native of this Our Kingdom, now an Indweller in England, Collonel John Rumsay, Richard Rumbold Maltster, Richard Nelthorpe Esquire, Edward Wade Gentleman, Richard Goodenough Gentleman, Captain Walecoat, William Thompson, James Burtone, and William Hone Joiner, Subjects of that Our Kingdom of England, with divers other Wicked and Desperate Persons, have most Traiterously Conspired together for this effect, and for that end have had several Treasonable Consultations, to provide Arms, to Levy Men, and to make an Insurrection in Our Kingdom of England: And we understanding that the said Conspirators are fled, and have left their Habitations to avoid the Justice of Our Laws, and the Punishment due to such a Horrid and Execrable Treason; And the considering that the said James Duke of Buccleugh, and some other of the forenamed Conspirators, may retire unto, and lurk in this Our Ancient Kingdom; Do therefore with Advice of Our Privy Council, Require and Command the said James Duke of Buccleugh and Monmouth, Ford Lord Gray, Sir Thomas Armstrong, Mr. Robert Ferguson, Collonel John Rumsay, Richard Rumbold, Richard Nelthorpe, Edward Wade, Richard Goodenough, Captain Walecoat, William Thompson, James Burtone, and William Hone, if they or any of them have retired unto, or shall come into this Kingdom, forthwith to render themselves to some of Our Privy Council, Sheriffs, Stewarts, or other Judges and Magistrates, that they may be Tryed, and proceeded against according to Law. And We Command and Charge all Sheriffs, Stewarts, Baillies, Justices of Peace, Magistrates of Burghs, and all other Judges and Magistrates, and the Officers of Our forces, and all Our Subjects whatsoever, to make diligent search and inquiry after the saids Conspirators and Traitors, in all places where they may be suspected to lurk or abscond, and if they shall happen to apprehend any of them, or if any of these Conspirators shall Render themselves, We strictly Charge them to commit the Person, or Persons so apprehended to sure Prison, and presently to inform Our Privy Council of their being apprehended; And for this end, We with Advice foresaid, Do hereby Require and Command all Our foresaids Judges, Officers and Subjects, to inquire and search, if these Conspirators, or any other of Our English Subjects, have lately come, or shall come into this Our Kingdom, and to cause them to be immediately seized and secured, till they be Examined; and Our Privy Council informed concerning them; Certifying all such Persons, as after this Our Proclamation, shall directly or indirectly Conceal, Resset, Harbour, or Maintain the saids Traiterous Conspirators. Or any of them, or shall either contrive or connive at any Means, whereby they, or any of them may Escape from being taken, and presented to Justice or shall not give due and timeous information, and advertisement to Our Privy Council, or Our other Judges and Magistrates, concerning their lurking Places, Conceallers, Harboures, Ressetteers, Intercommuners, or Connivers, that they shall be proceeded against as being Art and Part in, and Abettors of this Execrable Conspiracy and Treason, according to the uttermost severity of Law: And We Declare, that whosoever shall Discover the foresaids Conspirators or any of them, and shall cause them, or any of them to be Taken and Apprehended, and brought in to any of our Judges, or Officers foresaid, shall have a Reward of five hundred pounds sterling, for each of the four Persons first named in this Our Proclamation, and of one hundred Pounds Sterling for each of the other Persons therein mentioned, to be paid to him or them, in Recompence of so good and acceptable Service. And for the more effectual Prosecution hereof, We hereby Require and Command all Our Sheriffs, Baillies of Regallities, and Stewarts of Stewarties, on the East, West, and middle Marches, of this Our Kingdom, and within the Shires of Argyle, Ayr, Dumbarton, and Inverness, as also all Collectors and their Deputs, Customers and Waters, immediately upon sight hereof, not only to inquire for, but to seize the Persons of any Englishman who hath come into this Kingdom, from, and since the twentieth day of June last, or who shall hereafter come into the same before the first of August next, who cannot give a good account of themselves or their Affairs, who are to Require Concurrence of all Our Leidges, in the Execution hereof, and they are to give the same as they will be answerable at their highest peril: As also, We strictly Require Our Vice Admiral, and all in Office under him, and all Sheriffs, Baillies, Stewarts, Magistrates of Burghs, Justices of Peace, and all Customers, Surveyers and Waiters, and all Our other Subjects, to Search all Ships and Vessels, which shall come upon the Coasts of this Kingdom, or Isles belonging thereto, and to seize all such Persons. Strangers or Natives, who shall not make it appear by clear Evidence, that they are come upon the account of Trade *allannerly*, and to acquaint Our Privy Council from time to time, that they may receive their furder thereanent: As likewise, to search all such Vessels or Ships for Arms, Ammunition, and other Warlike Provisions, and for Treasonable or Seditious Papers or Letters, and where any such is found, to secure the Ships, Men and Goods, till Our Council be made acquainted therewith, and their Commands known thereanent. And further, We Prohibit all Masters of Ships to set Sail with their Ships, from any Port of this Kingdom, before they first give in upon Oath, a List of all their Seamen, and other Passengers, to the ordinary Magistrates, or Customers timously, at least 48. hours at the Ports before they Sail, under the pain of Confiscation of the Ship and Goods, of such Masters as shall Transport any other, then such as are mentioned in the said List, or any of any other Name, then as they are designed in the said List, besides what other punishment Our Council shall think fit to inflict; and if any of these contained in these Lists appear to be suspitious Persons, the ordinary Magistrate upon the place, or Customers, Collectors, their Deputs, Surveyors and Waiters, are hereby Commanded to secure such Persons, and to inform the Magistrates of the Burghs, or the Sheriffs of the Shire, within which the saids Ships shall happen to be. And that Our Will and Pleasure herein may be published and made known to all Our good and loving Subjects. Our Will is, and We charge you straitly and Command, that incontinent, these Our Letters seen, ye passe to the Mercat Crosse of Edinburgh, and several Mercat Crosses of the Head Burghs of this Our Kingdom, and other places needful, and thereat, in our Name and Authority, by open Proclamation, make publication of the Premisses, that exact Obedience may be given thereto, and none may pretend Ignorance.

Given under Our Signet, at Edinburgh, the fourth day of July, One thousand six hundred eighty and three: And of Our Reign, the thirtieth fifth year.

Per actum Dominorum Secreti Concilij.
WIL. PATERSON, Cls. Sti. Concilij.

GOD save the KING.

EDINBURGH, Printed by the Heir of Andrew Anderson, Printer to His most Sacred Majesty, Anno DOM. 1683.
Reprinted at London, by George Croom, in Thames-street, over against Baynard's Castle, 1683.